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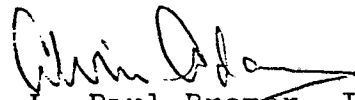
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Senior Interagency Group No. 2

TO : OVP - Mrs. Nancy Bearg Dyke
NSC - Mr. Michael O. Wheeler
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Defense - COL John Stanford
JCS - MAJ Dennis Stanley

SUBJECT: SIG Meeting Summary of Conclusions

Attached is the Summary of Conclusions for the SIG Meeting
on Iran held on July 26, 1982.


L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Summary of Conclusions
2. List of Participants

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PARTICIPANTS: See List Attached

DATE AND TIME: July 26, 1982, 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: D Conference Room 7219, State Department

SUBJECT: SIG Meeting on Iran, July 26

SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

The restricted SIG convened to discuss policy toward the Iran-Iraq war. CIA briefed on the military situation and on the potential of the war to affect oil supplies from the Gulf states.

It was concluded that while an Iranian victory over Iraq was not in the U.S. interest, there was little that any outsider could do to offset the training and leadership weaknesses of the Iraqi forces, who were well-equipped with materiel. The established U.S. posture of neutrality towards the conflict should be maintained.

With regard to Saudi Arabia, it was noted that the U.S.-Saudi dialogue had become more searching on both sides as a result of the Iran-Iraq conflict. The present stage of discussions concerning the U.S. position in the event of threats to the Kingdom was delicate. The SIG discussed the proper means of presenting the elements of a decision on U.S. policy to the President and of communicating information relevant to a decision to the Saudi royal family, should it be deemed in the U.S. interest to do so explicitly.

The SIG concluded that the question of Gulf contingencies required further study.

ACTION ASSIGNMENTS

The sense of the SIG was that U.S. material assistance to either side of the Iran-Iraq conflict was not in the U.S. national interest. All agencies agreed to monitor the conflict actively.

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The SIG asked State to provide a memorandum to the President recommending a policy toward heightened Saudi Arabian security concerns and the proper manner of communicating with the Saudis.

A small group led by State's political/military bureau (PM) undertook to study the likely consequences for the Gulf and for U.S. policy if Iran should break through the Basra front.

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SIG Meeting on Iran

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